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In re Patent Application of: Hitoshi NAOE et al.

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For: TRANSMITTER, RECEIVER, Examiner: X. S. WONG COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

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## **LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

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